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# PREVIOUSLY...

Transported light-years from Earth against their will to a patchwork planet called **BATTLEWORLD** are an unlikely collection of super-powered beings; the teenaged super hero, **GRAVITY**; former Avengers **THE WASP, HENRY PYM** and **FIREBIRD;** second-generation super-villain turned movie producer, **KRAVEN THE HUNTER;** the queen of the hidden society known as the Inhumans, **MEDUSA;** the latest incarnation of the man/alien symbiote combination that calls itself **VENOM; THE HOOD,** a small-time crook recently gifted with big-time powers; and a pacifist killing machine, **DEATHLOK.**

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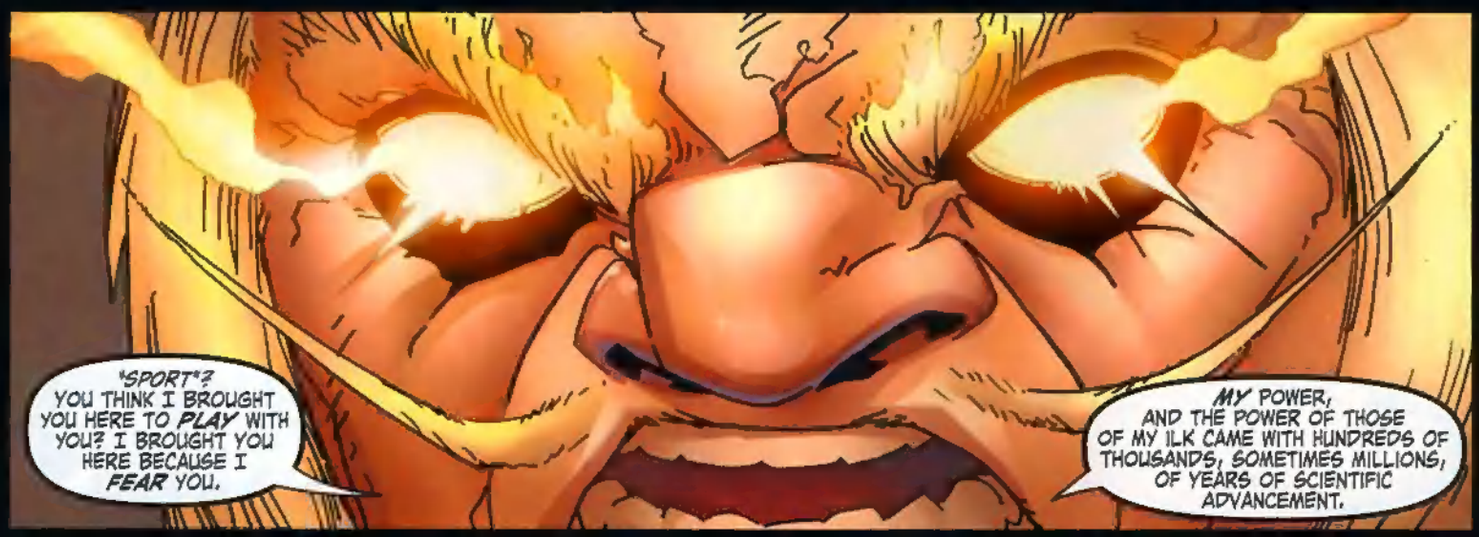
THERE IS A UNIVERSAL PRINCIPLE, EQUALLY TRUE IN PSYCHOLOGY, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRONICS, CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS AND OTHER FIELDS YET TO BE DISCOVERED BY HUMANITY.
IN SIMPLE TERMS, THE ACT OF OBSERVATION ALTERS THE EVENTS BEING OBSERVED.
THIS PRINCIPLE SHOULD NOT, AS IT OFTEN IS, BE CONFUSED WITH INDETERMINACY OF THE SORT EXPRESSED BY YOUR HEISENBERG'S 'UNCERTAINTY PRINCIPLE.'
WE ARE NOT DISCUSSING THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF SIMULTANEOUSLY MEASURING PRECISE VALUES OF CONJUGATE PROPERTIES, SUCH AS THE POSITION AND MOMENTUM OF ELEMENTARY PARTICLES.
RATHER, WE ARE ALLOWING FOR A MUCH MORE INTUITIVE NOTION.
THE TOOLS OF OBSERVATION, AND/OR THE BIASES OF THE OBSERVER, WILL IN AND OF THEMSELVES CHANGE THE BEHAVIOR OF THE PROCESS BEING OBSERVED.

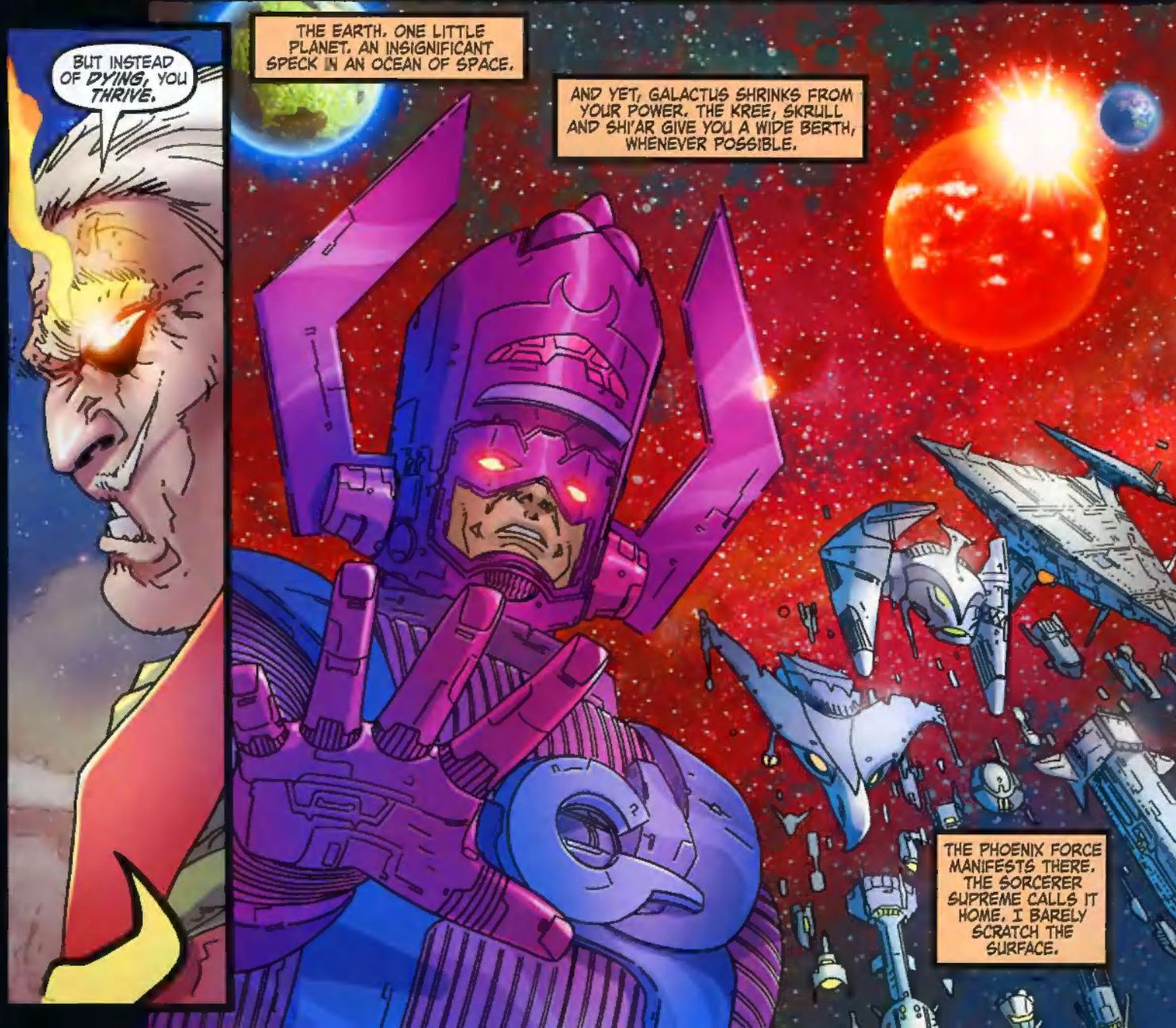
HENRY PYM!
HUH...? WHO...?
I AM FROM BEYOND!
YOU HAVE SLAIN YOUR ENEMIES. ALL YOU DESIRE SHALL BE YOURS.
I'VE BETRAYED MY FRIENDS AND NOW I GET A REWARD.
PORTRAY THE EVENTS AS YOU WILL. YOU HAVE WON THE CONTEST. MY PROMISE IS UNBREAKABLE. WHAT DREAM CAN I MAKE COME--
HOLD, WE ARE BEING OBSERVED.
WHY ARE YOU HERE, UATU? THIS IS NO CONCERN OF YOURS.

FROM THIS VANTAGE POINT IN DEEPEST SPACE I HAVE BEEN STUDYING YOUR PRIMITIVE BUT POTENTIALLY DEADLY RACE.
SEVERAL YEARS AGO, I WATCHED AS THE TRUE BEYONDER PERFORMED AN *EXPERIMENT*, KIDNAPPING SEVERAL SUPER-POWERED BEINGS IN A MISGUIDED ATTEMPT TO UNDERSTAND YOUR CONCEPTS OF GOOD AND EVIL.
THIS EXPERIMENT FAILED, CHIEFLY BECAUSE HE ASKED THE WRONG QUESTIONS.
SHORTLY AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE BEYONDER'S RESEARCHES, BATTLEWORLD WAS *DESTROYED*.
BUT I SAW THAT IT WAS IDEAL FOR MY PURPOSES AND *RESTORED* IT.

DAMN. HE'S ON TO US.
HELLO, DALI.
DEATHLOK. THIS TRICKERY MUST HAVE BEEN OF YOUR CONCEPTION.
WE ALL HAD A HAND IN, THANKS.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? HE DIDN'T EVEN TELL US THE PLAN UNTIL AFTER PYM SHRUNK US.
WHEN YOU TRIED TO FIGHT HIM YOU ALMOST RUINED EVERYTHING.
VERISIMILITUDE?
NICE TO FINALLY KNOW WHO'S ACTUALLY BEEN TOYING WITH US FOR NO REASON.
MY REASONS ARE MY OWN BUT REST ASSURED, THEY EXIST.
'AS FLIES TO WANTON BOYS ARE WE TO THE GODS, THEY KILL US FOR THEIR SPORT.'


"SPORT"? YOU THINK I BROUGHT YOU HERE TO *PLAY* WITH YOU? I BROUGHT YOU HERE BECAUSE I *FEAR* YOU.
*MY* POWER, AND THE POWER OF THOSE OF MY ILK CAME WITH HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS, SOMETIMES MILLIONS, OF YEARS OF SCIENTIFIC ADVANCEMENT.

YOU...YOU'RE DOUSED WITH RADIOACTIVITY THAT SHOULD KILL YOU.
OR YOU'RE THE PRODUCT OF A GOOGOLPLEX-TO-ONE GENETIC CODING ERROR THAT SHOULD HAVE RESULTED IN STILLBIRTH...


BUT INSTEAD OF *DYING*, YOU *THRIVE*.
THE EARTH. ONE LITTLE PLANET. AN INSIGNIFICANT SPECK IN AN OCEAN OF SPACE.
AND YET, GALACTUS SHRINKS FROM YOUR POWER. THE KREE, SKRULL AND SHI'AR GIVE YOU A WIDE BERTH, WHENEVER POSSIBLE.
THE PHOENIX FORCE MANIFESTS THERE. THE SORCERER SUPREME CALLS IT HOME. I BARELY SCRATCH THE SURFACE.

THERE IS A SAYING AMONG BEINGS OF GREAT POWER, THE TRANSLATION IS DIFFICULT...

"WHEN THE APOCALYPSE COMES, ALL THAT WILL REMAIN ARE COCKROACHES AND HUMAN BEINGS."

MY HUSBAND ALMOST NEVER SPEAKS. YOU, ON THE OTHER HAND, NEVER SEEM TO STOP.
IS THERE A POINT TO ALL THIS?

THERE WILL COME A DAY, MANY MILLENNIA FROM NOW, OR PERHAPS AS SOON AS NEXT WEEK, WHEN HUMANITY'S CANCEROUS GROWTH WILL TILT THE BALANCE OF POWER IN THE UNIVERSE.

WHEN THAT DAY ARRIVES, I WILL BE PREPARED. UNDERSTANDING YOUR MOTIVATIONS, YOUR THOUGHT PROCESSES, YOUR CAPACITY FOR VALOR AND AVARICE.

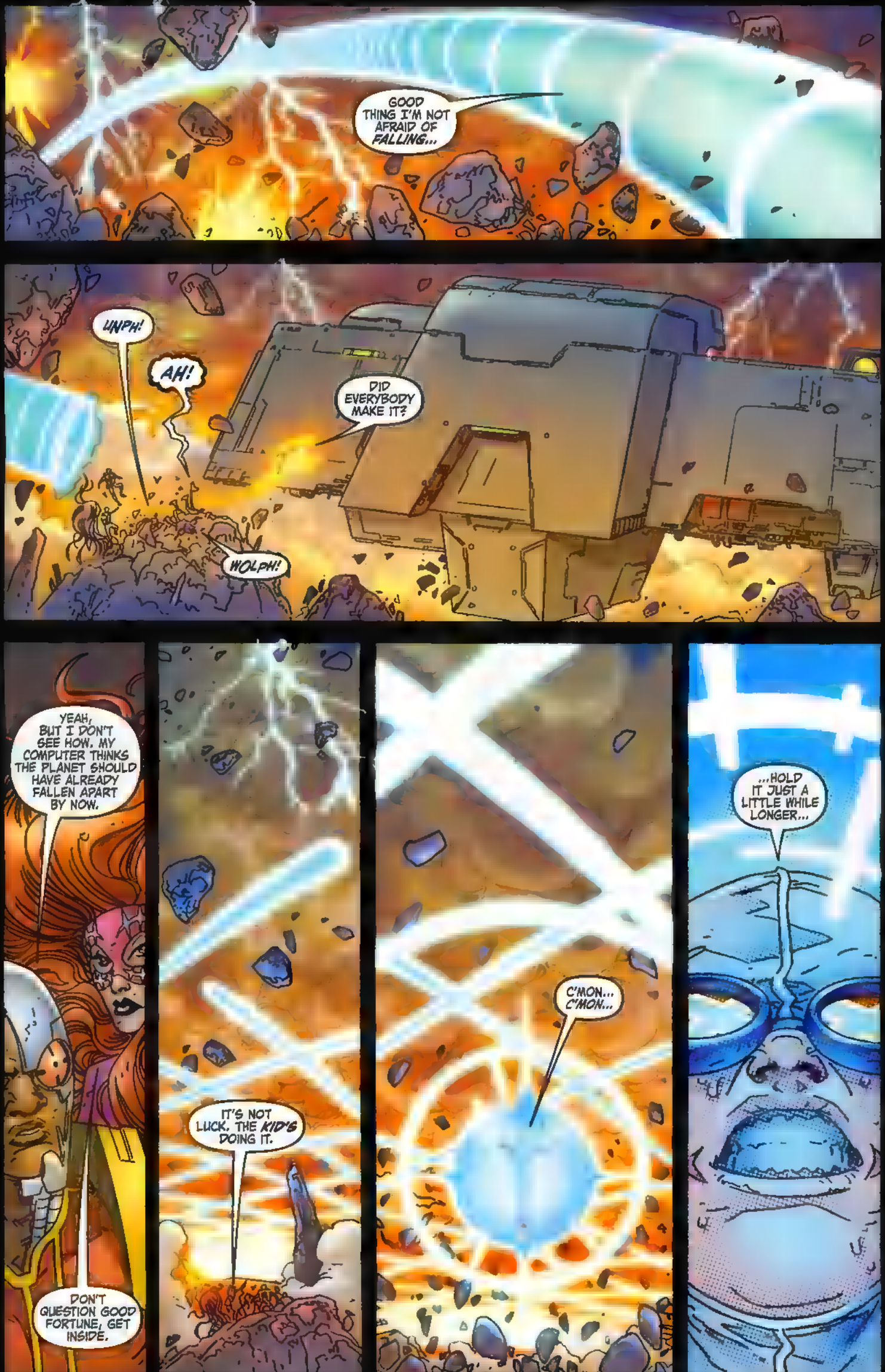
YOU THINK THIS MONSTROUS EXPERIMENT HAS TAUGHT YOU *ANYTHING* ABOUT HUMANITY?
IF YOU REALLY WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT US, YOU COULD HAVE JUST *ASKED*.
IN ANY CASE, IT'S OVER. YOU *PROMISED*.
CONSIDERING THAT YOU CHEATED, I'M NOT SURE I'M BOUND BY MY PROMISES.
IN ANY EVENT, MY WORK HERE IS TOO IMPORTANT TO BE LIMITED BY ANY AGREEMENTS I MAY HAVE MADE WITH YOU.
THOOM
ZZAAH
FOOSH
BLAM BLAM
HAVE YOU NEVER HEARD OF 'NO TAKE-BACKS'?
NO FOOLING AROUND, PRESS YOUR ATTACK!
SHUNK
AHHH!

FLEAS! YOU DON'T HAVE A CHANCE AGAINST ME.
RARRGH!
I THINK WE DO. YOUR LITTLE SPEECH ABOUT HOW TOUGH WE ARE ASIDE, I THINK TODAY IS SPECIAL...
THE WATCHER ONLY SHOWS UP WHEN SOMETHING IMPORTANT IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN. I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM HERE BEFORE.
I BET HE'S HERE TO WATCH YOU GET YOUR BUTT KICKED.
CHOOM
GOOD POINT. LAST TIME I SAW THE WATCHER WAS WHEN TYSON GOT KAYOED THE FIRST TIME.
REALLY?
GEBUS, KID, DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE TRASH TALK WHEN YOU HEAR IT?
IT'S POSSIBLE. THAT WAS A GREAT FIGHT.

FACE IT, STRANGER. SOMEHOW YOU'RE GOING TO *LOSE*, OTHERWISE THE WATCHER WOULD BE OFF WATCHING *AMERICAN IDOL*.
CRAP, IS THAT ON *TONIGHT*? I'VE GOT MONEY ON IT.
IS IT *TRUE*, WATCHER? AM I DESTINED TO GO DOWN IN DEFEAT TODAY?
OR ARE YOU MERELY HERE TO FORCE ME TO KEEP MY PROMISES TO THIS VERMIN?
I'VE POWER ENOUGH TO DEFEAT THEM AND YOU. YOU [redacted] I SPEAK THE TRUTH!
DAMN IT, UATU! *SPEAK* TO ME!
YOU WILL INTERFERE IF I REFUSE TO KEEP MY PROMISE? IS THAT IT?
MUST I ONCE AGAIN BATTLE THE WATCHERS?

VERY WELL. IF YOU KEEP YOUR VOW, I'LL KEEP MINE. THE EXPERIMENT IS OVER.
OUR AGREEMENT STANDS.
NO MORE EXPERIMENT?
AS I SAID.
AND TRANSPORTATION HOME?
IS AVAILABLE FOR ALL WHO ARE FLEET ENOUGH TO REACH IT.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU MEAN.
YOUR TRANSPORT REMAINS WHERE YOU CRASHED IT, BUT IS NOW COMPLETELY REPAIRED.
I SUGGEST HASTE. THIS WORLD EXISTS AS A RESULT OF MY WILL. WITHOUT PURPOSE, IT WILL NOT LONG SURVIVE.

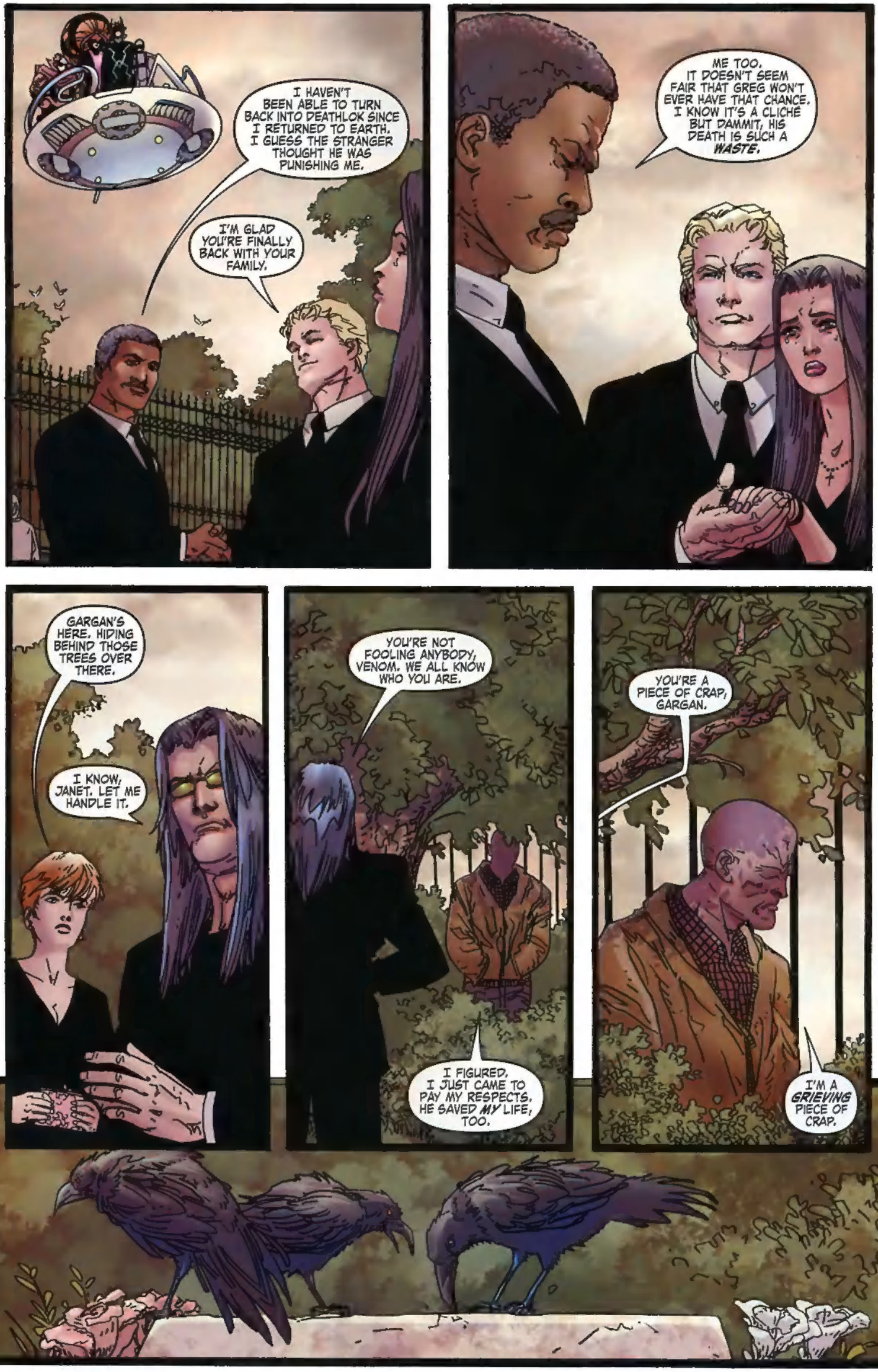
THAT ROTTEN S.O.B.! THE PLANET'S FALLING APART.
RRRRRUMMMMMBLE
NO TIME TO TALK, WE'VE GOT TO MOVE!
I HEAR YOU, BUT THERE'S NO WAY WE'LL MAKE IT BACK BEFORE THIS WHOLE PLANET FALLS APART.
RRRRRUMMMMMBLE
MAYBE WE CAN. I'VE NEVER TRIED THIS BEFORE, BUT I'M PROJECTING A GRAVITY FIELD PERPENDICULAR TO THIS PLANET'S.
IF WE GET IN THERE, WE SHOULD "FALL" TOWARDS THE SHIP AT ROUGHLY TERMINAL VELOCITY.
NOT QUITE. I HAVE TO PUT THE BRAKES ON AT THE OTHER END.
AREN'T YOU COMING?
NOPE. I'VE GOT SOME OTHER BUSINESS. MEET YOU THERE AS SOON AS I CAN.
IF I CAN.

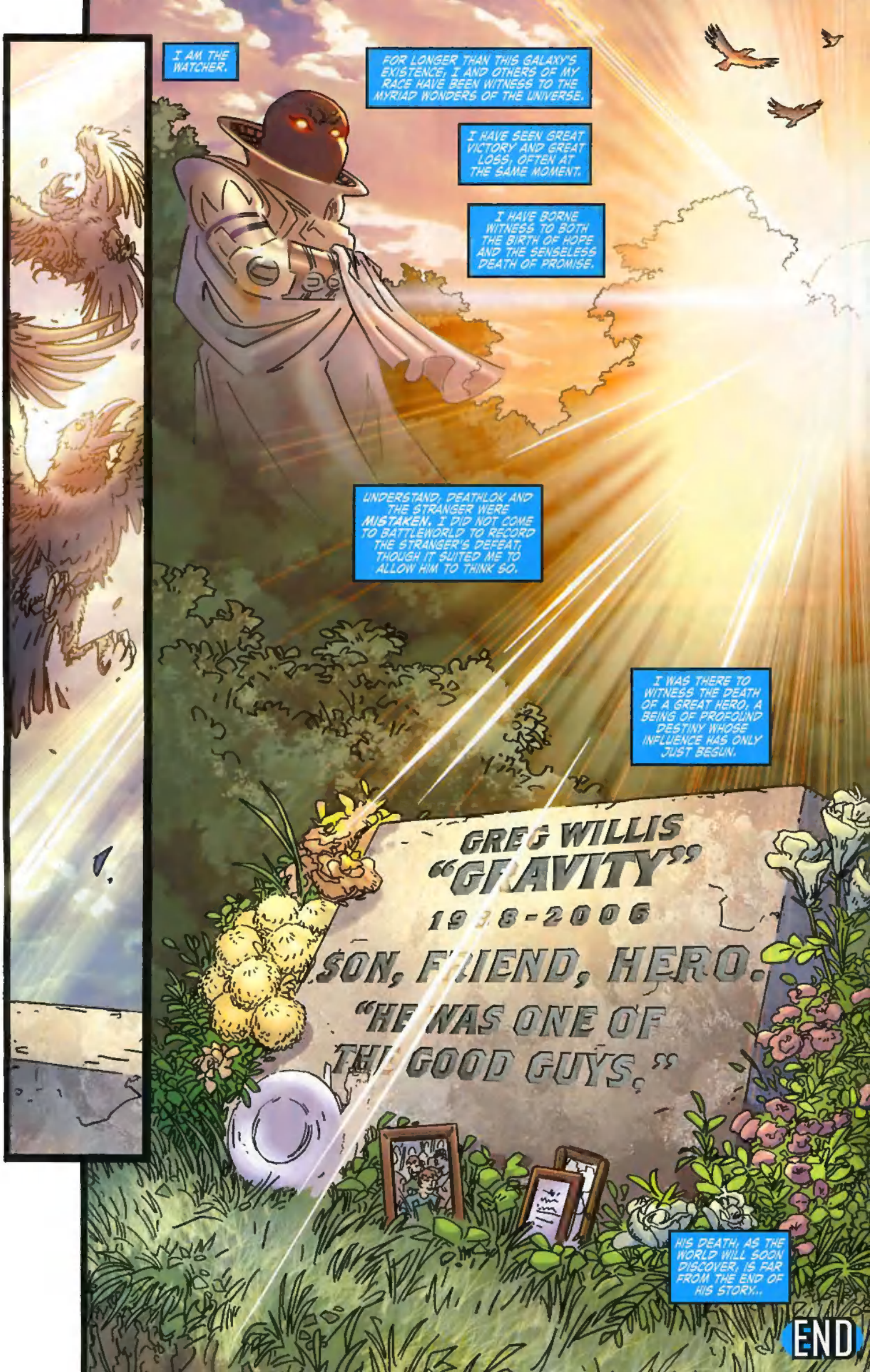

GOOD THING I'M NOT AFRAID OF FALLING...
UNPH!
AH!
DID EVERYBODY MAKE IT?
WOLPH!
YEAH, BUT I DON'T SEE HOW. MY COMPUTER THINKS THE PLANET SHOULD HAVE ALREADY FALLEN APART BY NOW.
DON'T QUESTION GOOD FORTUNE, GET INSIDE.
IT'S NOT LUCK. THE KID'S DOING IT.
C'MON... C'MON...
...HOLD IT JUST A LITTLE WHILE LONGER...

I'VE JUST ABOUT FIGURED OUT HOW TO FLY THIS THING.
NOT UNTIL GRAVITY GETS BACK.
C'MON, MAN. ■ SACRIFICED HIMSELF FOR US. WE GOTTA GO.
HE SAVED ALL OUR ASSES. GIVE HIM A CHANCE.
LISTEN... TO THE MAN...
...WHEN HE'S RIGHT...HE'S RIGHT!
THAT'S EVERYBODY, PROFESSOR. PUNCH IT!

CONGRATULATIONS, DR. PYM. LOOKS LIKE EARTH, DEAD AHEAD.
UH, YEAH. ARE ■ SUPPOSED TO ■ FADING AWAY LIKE THIS?
FWASH
WASHINGTON SQUARE PARK. WONDER WHY IT BEAMED US BACK HERE?
IT'S JUST GOOD TO BE BACK HOME. AM I RIGHT, GRAVITY?
GRAVITY?
HE DIDN'T MAKE IT.
HE'S GONE TO A BETTER PLACE.

MY CONDOLENCES, MR. AND MRS. WILLIS. YOUR SON WAS A REMARKABLE YOUNG MAN.
I'M TELLING YOU, LAUREN.
HE WAS A GREAT GUY AND HE LOVED YOU WITH ALL HIS HEART. YOU'RE ALL HE TALKED ABOUT.
CALL ME PARKER. ANY FRIEND OF GRAVITY'S IS A FRIEND OF MINE.
THAT MEANS A LOT, MR. ROBBINS.
THIS IS THE HIGHEST HONOR MY PEOPLE CAN BESTOW UPON AN OUTSIDER. YOUR SON EARNED IT AND MORE.
THANK YOU.
MY HUSBAND WANTS YOU TO KNOW THAT IF YOU EVER NEED ANYTHING FROM ANY INHUMAN, YOU HAVE BUT TO ASK.


I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO TURN BACK INTO DEATHLOK SINCE I RETURNED TO EARTH. I GUESS THE STRANGER THOUGHT HE WAS PUNISHING ME.
I'M GLAD YOU'RE FINALLY BACK WITH YOUR FAMILY.
ME TOO. IT DOESN'T SEEM FAIR THAT GREG WON'T EVER HAVE THAT CHANCE. I KNOW IT'S A CLICHÉ BUT DAMMIT, HIS DEATH IS SUCH A WASTE.
GARGAN'S HERE. HIDING BEHIND THOSE TREES OVER THERE.
I KNOW, JANET. LET ME HANDLE IT.
YOU'RE NOT FOOLING ANYBODY, VENOM. WE ALL KNOW WHO YOU ARE.
I FIGURED. I JUST CAME TO PAY MY RESPECTS. HE SAVED MY LIFE, TOO.
YOU'RE A PIECE OF CRAP, GARGAN.
I'M A GRIEVING PIECE OF CRAP.


I AM THE WATCHER.
FOR LONGER THAN THIS GALAXY'S EXISTENCE, I AND OTHERS OF MY RACE HAVE BEEN WITNESS TO THE MYRIAD WONDERS OF THE UNIVERSE.
I HAVE SEEN GREAT VICTORY AND GREAT LOSS, OFTEN AT THE SAME MOMENT.
I HAVE BORNE WITNESS TO BOTH THE BIRTH OF HOPE AND THE SENSELESS DEATH OF PROMISE.
UNDERSTAND, DEATHLOK AND THE STRANGER WERE MISTAKEN. I DID NOT COME TO BATTLEWORLD TO RECORD THE STRANGER'S DEFEAT, THOUGH IT SUITED ME TO ALLOW HIM TO THINK SO.
I WAS THERE TO WITNESS THE DEATH OF A GREAT HERO, A BEING OF PROFOUND DESTINY WHOSE INFLUENCE HAS ONLY JUST BEGUN.
GREG WILLIS
"GRAVITY"
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SON, FRIEND, HERO.
"HE WAS ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS."
HIS DEATH, AS THE WORLD WILL SOON DISCOVER, IS FAR FROM THE END OF HIS STORY...
END

# MARVEL HEROES HOTSPOT

"Quicker than quick! Stronger than strong!"

## HOTSPOT HOT BOOK... NEW AVENGERS: ILLUMINATI #1!

Okay, so in a month chock-full of CIVIL WAR happenings that are rocking your favorite heroes (and villains), how does NEW AVENGERS: ILLUMINATI #1 sneak into the "Hot Book" spotlight? Because they're controlling everything, people! For years, six men have worked together in secret to mold the status of Earth itself. Sorcerer Supreme Doctor Strange! King of the Inhumans, Black Bolt! Professor X! Namor, the Sub-Mariner! Mister Fantastic! The invincible Iron Man! How have their actions impacted upon the stories you only think you know? You'll find out here, thanks to the titanic team of writers Brian Michael Bendis and Brian Reed and penciler Jim Cheung! Don't live in ignorance, friends--learn how the Illuminati is shaping your universe!

## HOTSPOT LETTER O' THE MONTH!

What keeps all your favorite writers, artists, and Marvel's crew of editors and production whizzes working? Not mere food and water! Nay, our souls hunger for the true life source: reader letters! So send in your thoughts, friends! Tell us what's on your mind, what you want to see, or how we can keep the Marvel magic alive! Just like Guido Cuadros did, all the way from Brazil! Take it away, Guido!

Dear Tom Brevoort:

Marvel is my favorite comics company by far. I celebrate that, along with the numerous titles that already own their own letters pages, you guys have decided to create this "Marvel Heroes Hotspot" section.

Places like this one, where fans can participate with questions and commentaries, and where editors not only attend to our inquiries, but surprise us with anecdotes, experiences and news are very needed. You really make us fans feel like we're valued members of the Marvel family, giving us "all access" information and asking always for our opinion and impressions. It's nice to know that our voice will be heard and taken into account.

I don't believe that "leaving it all to the Internet" is the best solution or the next obligatory step towards the evolution of interaction relationships for readers, creators and editors. I know there are a lot of blogs, forums and message boards out there in cyberspace, excellent sites some of them, but those will never compare with the magic that printed letters pages have. To be part of the comic itself is what makes them special.

I'm really grateful to Marvel for giving me a space in their comics to express myself and to share my opinions with the rest of the readers (thousands of them, you know?), while something written on the Internet can very easily go unnoticed, be ignored or only read by a few.

One of my dreams is to work someday in the House of Ideas, as an assistant editor, in charge of some letter columns, maybe even as a comic writer, or as a cleaner guy. I don't care, it would be an honor. And when I start thinking that it's a dream too difficult to achieve, I remember that a lot of guys working there started their careers as simple fans who used to write letters to Marvel, just like me, just like you once did, Mr. Tom Brevoort, or should I say "Tommy B."?

Guido Cuadros F.A.
Lima, Peru.

Thanks for writing in, Guido! Yes, many of us here in the Hallowed Halls started out as readers, and, like you, even had letters printed in the pages of a Marvel comic. But after years of effort--not to mention a huge helping of luck--we now call the House of Ideas home! So keep chasing your dreams! And keep the letters coming to mheroes@marvel.com!

## HERO HALL O' FAME: THE RALPH MACCHIO BOOK!

When it came time to show editor Ralph Macchio how much we appreciated his thirty years at the House of Ideas, we had to do it in the Mighty Marvel Manner! Thus was born THE RALPH MACCHIO BOOK, a priceless hardcover filled with the autographs and illustrations by some of the industry's top talents! Mary Jane & Spidey by John Romita Sr.! The Hulk by Sal Buscema! Wolverine by Andy Kubert! And to top it all off, an intro by Stan "The Man" Lee! Yes, friends, all you have to do is get hired by Marvel, help put out some of the greatest comics ever published, survive various regime changes and downsizings for three decades, and you too can be the proud owner of a one-of-a-kind keepsake. So thanks for all the years of carrying the True Believer's Torch of Truth, Ralph ...now where's that next issue of THE ULTIMATES?!

## AUBREY'S OUT-OF-CONTEXT FUNNIES

This month's doozy comes from DAREDEVIL #122, JUNE 1975

## ON SALE DECEMBER 2006

**AMAZING SPIDER-GIRL #3:** Brrr! It's Spider-Girl vs. Bitter Frost!

**ANNIHILATION #5:** With the war lost, Ronan and Super-Skrull unite to free the Kree!

**AVENGERS NEXT #3 & #4:** Will the Avengers' mysterious foe drain the heroes of their powers?

**AVENGERS: EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES #3 & #4:** It's the Avengers vs. an army of Super-Adaptoids!

**BEYOND #6:** Will anyone make it off Battleworld alive?

**BLADE #4:** Blade battles a demon-possessed mall Santa! Ho Ho DEATH!

**CIVIL WAR #6:** Cap's forces prepare to take down Iron Man's side once and for all.

**CIVIL WAR: FRONTLINE #9:** Speedball comes face-to-face with his accuser!

**CIVIL WAR: WAR CRIMES #1:** The Kingpin picks a side in the Civil War...but what does he really want?

**DAREDEVIL #92:** Who's been pulling Daredevil's strings for the past year? The mystery is revealed!

**DOCTOR STRANGE: THE OATH 3:** Doctor Strange learns the identity of the villain who holds Wong's life in his hands!

**FANTASTIC FOUR: THE END #3:** Deep beneath the ocean, Sue makes a discovery that could change the future of her family!

**IMMORTAL IRON FIST #2:** What has Iron Fist done to awaken the wrath of Hydra?

**IRON MAN #14:** A CIVIL WAR tie-in. What price must Tony Stark pay for his pro-registration stance?

**IRON MAN/CAPTAIN AMERICA: CASUALTIES OF WAR #1:** A CIVIL WAR tie-in. Can these former allies make amends?

**IRREDEEMABLE ANT-MAN #3:** Find out why everyone loves to hate the all-new ANT-MAN in his least redeemable tale yet!

**MS. MARVEL #10** A CIVIL WAR tie-in. Ms. Marvel and Wonder Man must bring in one of their own!

**NEW AVENGERS #26:** Hawkeye's back, and he's targeting the Scarlet Witch!

**NEW AVENGERS: ILLUMINATI #1:** Learn how six heroes secretly shaped the Marvel Universe!

**SENSATIONAL SPIDER-MAN #33:** How has Spidey's unmasking affected his beloved Aunt May?

**SHE-HULK #14:** Everything you ever wanted to know about Awesome Andy!

**THUNDERBOLTS #109:** The return of Moonstone!

**UNION JACK #4:** The final battle between Union Jack and RAID, right in the heart of London!

**WINTER SOLDIER: WINTER KILLS #1:** CASUALTIES OF WAR. Bucky looks for redemption on his first Christmas in the 20th century.

## ~~FIVE~~ SIX FUN FACTOIDS FROM STEPHEN WACKER

(EDITOR OF SILENT WAR AND FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD SPIDER-MAN)

1) Warren Simons uses "dude" and "bro" like he's being paid by "Dude and Bro, Inc.". Enough already.
2) Aubrey Sitterson has luxurious, movie-star style hair.
3) Molly Lazer sings and dances...but not in the office. In Connecticut.
4) Bill Rosemann never spoke to Steve when they worked at DC. Same here at Marvel.
5) Alejandro Arbona is as tall as Aubrey's hair is beautiful.
6) Tom Brevoort actually has all the completed issues of CIVIL WAR in his desk but chooses to ship them late.

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